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best ways to put clamps on the bloodlines of the soil, as Dr. Conservationist has ordered. Through the leadership of our local Farmers Union organization, our FFA chapter's motto of holding every raindrop where it falls is catching on. "Grass as a vegetative cover, if you please, serves as a protective blanket over our patient. While protecting our patient from the enemy erosion, the grass blanket "brakes up" the raindrops as they fall, tends to hold back the water, and let the water soak into the soil to form the mightiest reservoir of all times, the earth.

Grass is increasing our blood bank of organic matter. The small roots of grass move about in the soil making way and furnishing pathways for food for soil organisms of the red corpuscles of our lifeblood.

Soil without organic matter, like a ship without its sail, is virtually rendered useless.

Worn out, unproductive land eventually results in widespread famine. Hunger may knock on our own door of the United States if conservation practices are not judiciously followed.

Our supply of really good land now stands at about 400 million acres, or 2½ acres per person. Emergency, with a population explosion booming to 225 million Americans to feed by 1975, our acres per person will shrink to less than 2 acres each. By the turn of the century, we will have two times the number of mouths to feed. This will leave only 1 acre for each person. Where will your acre be? Will it be on a washed away, eroded hillside—leaving you and your family hungry? This hunger will only lead to strife, uprising and war.

To sum this up, we must produce more food from less land and thinner topsoil. A mighty army of doctors, who are conservationists, interns who are farmers and ranchers, and nurses, who are the businessmen, must be mustered and armed with the tools to increase the lifeblood of our Nation. We must set up a blood bank of organic matter and mend the broken arteries to insure a healthy population.

We, the future farmers of America, are looking for leadership from our senior citizens in the Farmers Union organization to lead us in conserving our lifeblood—the soil.

Mr. and Mrs. America, God has granted us a fruitful and bountiful Nation—Are you going to let it wash away?

(By Steven L. Moore, Loveland, Okla.)

Honorable judges, fellow future farmers, and guests, I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

These words are part of the creed of the Future Farmers of America of which I am proudly a member. This organization, founded in 1928, has down through the years strived to fill the ranks of American citizenship with a new type of man. A man with an overwhelming loyalty to his country and his God.

Dying, Horace Greeley, great American newspaperman, exclaimed: "Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident, riches take wings, those who cheer today will curse tomorrow, only one thing endures—character." These weighty words bid all remember that life's one task is the making of manhood. Our world is a college, events are teachers, happiness is the graduating point, character is the diploma God gives man.

The task of building young men and women is a huge one so therefore we shall never cease to develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism in American youth. We try to develop a boy in three specific ways. They are, (1) physically, by building his body through hard work; (2) mentally, by developing and bringing

out the qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, and fairplay, and (3), and which I feel most important of all, spiritually by teaching him to understand and appreciate the world given to him by his Maker.

But as it says in the Bible, "The harvest is great but the laborers are few." The task of awakening American youth to the huge responsibility placed upon their shoulders, that of preserving American freedom, is a huge one. It cannot be done by one alone. Therefore several other organizations have flung themselves into this never-ending battle. One of the most outstanding of these new champions of democracy is the Oklahoma Farmers Union. Their program of summer camps along with a system of scholarships given to deserving young men and women has done much to further the common cause. I must commend the action already taken but at the same moment urge that the forward pace must not be stopped at this point. We the FFA and the farmers' union must join as allies in an all-out-war against the alien forces working within our Nation. The spirit which, in the early years of our Nation's life ran rampant, the spirit which was expressed by one of our greatest patriot's speeches, part of which was, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me give me liberty or give me death," must again take precedence in the minds of all America. The words "juvenile delinquency" must be completely and utterly obliterated from the American vocabulary.

Ladies and gentlemen, this will be a huge and monstrous task, but it can be done, it must be done, and with the help of Almighty God, it will be done.

FARMERS UNION JUNIORS

(By Linda Payne, Hollis, Okla.)

President Stone, madame chairman, fellow contestants and friends of the Farmers Union, I believe Farmers Union Juniors does more to promote good community living than any other functioning organization. The hope of our United States lies in educating its youth. That education is the basic purpose of Farmers Union Juniors. An educated populace will advance a nation, especially a democracy such as ours. Today, when mighty nationalistic forces, agitated and supported by communism, are trying to destroy our way of life, it is important—vitally important—that youth be informed about democratic principles. One of the most compelling forces for democracy is Farmers Union Juniors. Let's see how Farmers Union Juniors promote good community living while they educate for democratic living.

Education is like raising a shade to let in light. Last harvest season that light really shined for me. In 1961 my father hauled his wheat to Eldorado where he waited many hours in line instead of going across the street to another elevator which had very few customers. I could not understand why. Our first lesson in Farmers Union Juniors was on cooperatives. That shade flew up. The name on that elevator sign gleamed brightly—Farmers Union Co-op. My father was a partner in the business, he shared the profits. With his dividend he purchased the much desired piano so I could take those longed for music lessons. Multiply our experience by the number of others selling wheat at that elevator and you see that it means a better living standard for the entire community.

The most classic example of a farmers union service cooperative is the Elk City Community Hospital, which has been protecting the area's health for over 30 years. My organization offers other services; such as health insurance, automobile and property insurance, hail, crop, and fire insurance. How much better to buy from a cooperative which shares profits than from a private business which swallows them. Protection, whether of health or property—is in my esti-

mation, the best community living. Let us consider the activities of my organization on the State level. Farmers Union believes the family farmer needs help; therefore, it keeps its ear to the ground and lobbies in the State legislature for the legislation beneficial to the farmers. It has been currently working on the reapportionment question to the farmer's advantage. Farmers Union Juniors are learning by their methods to make their communities a good place to live, and will carry on the traditions of the parent organization.

We live in an ever-changing society. As the circumference of our world becomes smaller, it is all important that we understand the people who live, not just in the next county but in the next country. Through the course, "Tools for Peace", offered we Farmers Union Juniors, we have learned the needs and attitudes of the people who inhabit far-off Africa and Asia; we have learned about various organizations, supported by Farmers Union, which help these needy people, we have learned that what happened in India, Yemen, Russia, China, Cuba, the Congo, and Argentina has as much impact on our lives today as our own cooperative efforts to get better schools, roads, and hospitals. My organization helps us—you and me—to promote good community living in those far-off places. Just this year the Burlington Co-op in Alfalfa County gave 1,666 bushels of wheat to CROP, and designated it for Algeria, that needy new nation in Africa. Now, I ask you, is that not promoting good community living on an international scale?

The Peace Corps might have been a new idea with the New Frontier, but the idea itself was ages old with the Farmers Union. For years it has been sending agricultural and home economics experts to guide people of foreign lands to better community living. My organization believes in being of service to mankind. It contributes to UNICEF, which provides milk for many a child who would otherwise never taste it. He who loves mankind seeks to improve its living standards, Farmers Union Juniors tries to do this.

Therefore, my organization promotes good community living through education, legislative assistance, and worldwide cooperative efforts. We are an offspring of Farmers Union, and in its efforts to serve humanity it uses the democratic principles which we apply. These democratic principles were the same yesterday, they are the same today, and they will be the same forever. It is these principles which will preserve our Nation inviolate for the future. Through educating youth in these humanitarian democratic principles my organization is doing more to promote good community living than any other.

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EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. CLARK MACGREGOR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 1963

Mr. MACGREGOR. Mr. Speaker, the Kennedy administration has demonstrated more interest in the superficial impressions created by what it says rather than in the basic meaning of what it does. As a result we as a people and our friends abroad are coming to question official Washington's concern for truth. Government statements no longer carry the weight of reliability. We face a crisis of credibility. The rea-